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SUBJECT: US AID TO INDONESIA

REF: A. JAKARTA 10514; B. STATE 10181

1. DURING SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH AN FRG AID MINISTRY OFFICIAL AND A BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER, AN EMBOFF INFORMALLY WAS ASKED IF THE RUMOR THAT THE USG HAD DECIDED TO REVISE ITS AID PROGRAM TO INDONESIA BY HARDENING ITS LOAN TERMS, FOR EXAMPLE TO 7 PERCENT, WERE IN FACT TRUE. WE TOLD THE BRITISH OFFICIAL THAT WE WERE NOT INFORMED ABOUT A USG DECISION TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF EXISTING AID.

2. IN ADDITION KLAMSER, FRG AID MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ASIA, SAID THAT THE FRG HAD DECIDED TO CUT ITS AID TO INDONESIA FOR 1975 FROM THE PRESENT 1974 LEVEL OF DM 175 MILLION, TO ABOUT ONE-HALF THAT AMOUNT. HE INDICATED THAT DECISION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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PROMPTED BY FRG AID MINISTER BAHR'S DECISION TO

RECHANNEL FRG AID TO COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE FRG HAD A
GREATER POLITICAL INTEREST, SUCH AS THE NON-OIL PRODUCING
ARAB COUNTRIES. ALSO, INDONESIA AS AN OIL PRODUCER
WAS, IN THE FRG VIEW, A CANDIDATE FOR REDUCTION IN
VIEW OF ITS INCREASED HARD CURRENCY RECEIPTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS INDONESIA
THAT WE COULD USE IN BONN.
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